

Heritage Fair Committee

May 6, 2009

Present: Gerald Fussell, Jan Smith, Corinne McLellan, Chantel Parsons, Lynn Joseph, Pam Twin, Captain John Low, David Stinson

Regrets: Ian Hargreaves, Greg Kochanuk, Col.(Retired) Jon Ambler, Gord Holden, Cathie Jackson, Sue Rasmussen, Andrew Ferneyhough, Glen Christensen, Warren Biegler, Brian Stevens

Regionals results:

Genealogy Award	Leah Reimer (Miracle Beach) <i>Katie's Journey</i>
CN Veterans Award	Malia Weaver Eales (Isfeld)
Alberni Times Aesthetics	Chance Devereux (Royston) <i>The Bagpipes</i>
Alberni & District Heritage Award	Nicolas Xylinas (Valley View) <i>Whaling; My Grandpa's Life</i>
Industrial Heritage Award	Kyle Bourquin (Highland) <i>Mountain Pine Beetle</i>
Explorer's Award	Josie Paterson (Cumberland El.) <i>Alice Wilson Rock Star</i>
Aboriginal Heritage Award	Genoa Horsthuis (Miracle Beach) <i>Gwichin</i>
Science & Technology Awards	Andy Boray (Isfeld) <i>Alexander Graham Bell telephone ...</i>
	Jade Donley (Highland) <i>From Chic Machinery to Toxic Trash</i>
	Cameron Macaulay (Miracle Beach) <i>Black Gold</i>
Enthusiasm & Dedication Award	Elydah Joyce (Highland) <i>Never Again? Darfur Genocide</i>
Outstanding Achievement Awards	Sophia Funk (Miracle Beach) <i>Button Blanket</i>
	Stenson Lindal (Miracle Beach) <i>History of Merville</i>
	Jenna Haaf (Valley View) <i>Emily Carr</i>
	Brooke Lindal (Miracle Beach) <i>History of Tsolum School</i>
	Cody Doberstein (Miracle Beach) <i>Bentwood Boxes</i>
	Tyson Foster (Vanier) <i>100 Years of 5-Pin Bowling</i>

	Hugh Park (Highland) <i>Canada's Flying Heritage . . .</i>
People's Choice Award	Kaylin Bohmer (Miracle Beach) <i>Nootka Whaling</i>
Provincial Spots	Tyson Foster (Vanier) <i>100 Years of 5-Pin Bowling</i>
	Jenna Haaf (Valley View) <i>Emily Carr</i>
National Spot	Hugh Park (Highland) <i>Canada's Flying Heritage ...</i>

- Program**
- worked well having senior students attached to travelling groups
 - *What is it?* Was too short for time allocated
 - o No air circulation in room
 - o Need the right person to lead it
 - If want Snowbirds, need the names of kids, etc. Earlier
 - o Need to be properly attired
 - Want to get kids into more stuff on the base
 - Went well in the Museum
 - Movies were great
 - o No air circulation in room
 - Scavenger hunt in Museum helps to slow them down and actually look at things – prize at the end would help
 - Swimming not a huge success for the kids
 - A bit too much talking at the Big House – need more activities
 - Trip to Big House was well received
 - Paper airplanes went well in first section, not in the second
 - Plant walk from the year before would be a good addition
 - Went well, smooth, etc.
 - Don't split up schools by judging times if at all possible
 - Menu needs to meet healthy food guidelines
 - Concession made \$640.00 for Cumberland PAC

- Judges**
- need to have follow-up e-mail/call
 - distribute judging package in advance
 - put the times at the top of page #2 as well
 - allocating 5-6/judge/session is optimal
 - allocate same numbers to 3 judges (easier for allocating the judges)
 - judging sheets need to be signed (it means a lot)

- comments were kinder
- did have some religious comments made on a couple
- more than enough time with Elementary students – right amount for Secondary
- try to not schedule 888 members in last section of judging

Regionals

- having the packages with permission slips when presented worked well
 - o teachers need a copy as well
 - o have them e-mail the co-ordinator rather than phoning
- consent form should be a type of contract as well
 - o needs to be an emergency contact for kids/parents to contact
 - o add the address to the consent form
- should be the same kid going both days – too disjointed
- a lot of waste with the lunches – should bring own – boxes were just thrown into a garbage bag provided
- written itinerary with maps, addresses, for driver as well as a cell phone
- having our Fair 2 weeks before is a minimum, 3 would be ideal

Facilities

- good space, could add 1 – 2 tables/row if wanted to
- simplify numbering – maybe each row is a letter with the same numbering (1-28) on each row
- need big garbage cans and recycling need to be provided – we should bring our own
- clean-up crew was not enough – need to get people to commit from each school participating – get students from high schools designated to do roll-up
- need more brooms to help it go more quickly
- set-up was excellent – students from Isfeld did a good job
- delegating to schools not on committee to be responsible for clean-up
- weren't enough chairs for judges for lunch – adjust the tables, i.e. not against the wall
- need to have a map with allocations when setting up, i.e. earlier
- set-up of bleachers needs to have a bit more space between them
- it was good having the kids on the floor for awards
- worked really, really well

Public Relations - "Oh Canada" was excellent

- got some TV coverage – A-Channel and BCTV
- in both papers had articles but info was not early enough
- radios might be good
- motivating teachers at the schools is difficult
- not having either Dr. Tinney or Sherry Elwood here was noticed and is seen as a way to encourage more participation
- CD's are helpful
- Some teachers did ask for mentorship/support which was helpful

Registration - schools need to be more clear earlier about numbers

- in the permission slips put commitment for kids and parents
- school fairs need to be earlier
- could fill up as they come
- people cancelling last minute causes problems
- was much better this year
- need to have a more clear contact person

Prizes - change in MP's award is a good one – 1 week in Ottawa at the Terry Fox Youth Centre

- How can we ensure recipients of awards are present? Should a "dummy" be sent up in the event of a no-show? A phone call should be made to ensure attendance of someone.
- teacher leaders from each school should be involved in the selection process for regionals; if not on the Friday evening, on Saturday at 10:00 to confirm selections
- school needs to bring Wing Commander's Shield to the awards and they need to make sure it is engraved
- kids love the pins (given at regionals at each activity and they attach them to the lanyards)

Budget We do not have any budget for this project

- community pays the lion's share of the expenses

Next Meeting In the Fall – who wants to chair this committee